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**Subject:** RE: Follow-up from NCAI Meeting  
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Waewaenen for the assistance. I appreciate the help in our 404 assumption inquiries and any further help would be great.

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**From:** Kwok, Rose [mailto:[Kwok.Rose@epa.gov](mailto:Kwok.Rose@epa.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 20, 2017 4:15 PM  
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Hi Chairman Besaw,

It was great to meet you at the NCAI conference last week. I had a follow-up conversation with staff from EPA's Region 5 wetlands program shortly thereafter, and wanted to update you on that conversation. The Region 5 staff understands and is aware of your concerns regarding the Back 40 Mine. The Region is happy to initiate consultation with you once Michigan submits a proposed wetlands permit. In terms of your additional inquiries regarding assumption of the Section 404 program, I have forwarded those questions to staff at my office that work on 404 assumption.

I've copied Peter Swenson, the Chief of the Watersheds and Wetlands Branch at Region 5, on this email. He can be reached at [swenson.peter@epa.gov](mailto:swenson.peter@epa.gov) or 312-886-0236.

Also as a reminder, tribal consultation comments on the "waters of the United States" proposed rulemaking are due today. While we are not formally extending the public comment period, we welcome you to submit your comments as soon as possible to [CWAwotus@epa.gov](mailto:CWAwotus@epa.gov) (with a copy to [gude.karen@epa.gov](mailto:gude.karen@epa.gov)).

Thanks again, and please let us know if you have any questions.

Rose

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